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Chairperson: Ms. Ferrari ..... (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Caribbean regional seminar (A/AC.109/2007/1)

2. **The Chairperson** said that she had conducted informal consultations with the United Kingdom as the administering Power for the majority of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Caribbean to explore the possibility of holding the 2007 seminar in one of the Territories. While a decision on a venue for the seminar had not been reached, she nevertheless hoped to continue consultations on holding the seminar in one of the Territories in 2009. Meanwhile, the Committee had received proposals from the Governments of Grenada and of Saint Kitts and Nevis expressing their willingness to host the 2007 seminar. She drew attention to the aide-mémoire distributed previously to members recommending that the Committee should accept the invitation of Grenada to hold the seminar at its capital, St. George's, from 22 to 24 May 2007. As in the past, the Committee would also celebrate the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminar. She took it that the Committee wished to proceed accordingly.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **Ms. St. John** (Grenada) said that her Government was grateful to have been selected to host the seminar and looked forward to finalizing all plans to ensure that it was successful and productive.

5. **The Chairperson** said that, as consultations on the composition of the official delegations to the regional seminar were ongoing, she would like to seek authorization from the Committee to finalize the composition as soon as nominations from the regional groups had been received. The Committee would be informed of the results as soon as the selection by the regional groups had been completed. The United Nations would bear the cost of travel for the members of the delegation. She took it that the Committee wished to approve that process and authorize the Secretariat to make the necessary travel arrangements for members of the official delegation.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. **The Chairperson** suggested that invitations to attend the seminar should be extended to the persons included in the previously circulated provisional list of experts and organizations, which was ranked in order of priority. She requested the Committee's authorization to finalize the list in consultation with interested delegations. She took it that the Committee wished to approve the participation of the experts and organizations on the list and to authorize the Secretariat to make the necessary travel arrangements for them once she had finalized the list.

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **The Chairperson** noted that, in accordance with a previous decision of the Committee, invitations to the seminar would also be extended to other Member States, administering Powers, specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as some regional organizations, and to representatives of all elected Governments of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. The cost of travel of other Member States, administering Powers and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations would not be borne by the United Nations.

10. She drew attention to the guidelines and rules of procedure for the seminar contained in document A/AC.109/2007/1. She took it that the Committee wished to approve the document, including the agenda of the seminar.

11. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.